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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of June 8, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

changes the label of Fig. 1 to Fig. 1B. Additionally, Fig. 3 has been amended to include reference numerals 178a and 178b, as mentioned in the specification at page 7, line 15.

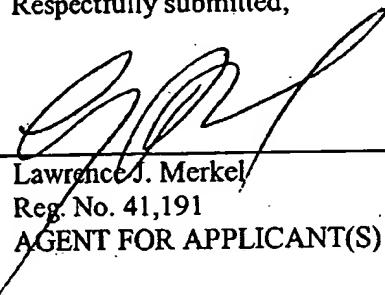
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested. If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5760-22900/LJM.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- Return Receipt Postcard
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Notice of Change of Address
- Please debit the above deposit account in the amount of \$344 for fees (\$344 for 4 excess independent claims).
- Other: Amended Drawings, Information Disclosure Statement and cited references, new abstract

Respectfully submitted,



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